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### THE SUPREME COURT OF ILLINOIS.

Of the seven judges of the Supreme Court of Illinois five are to be elected on the first Monday of June of this year. The nine year terms of Judges Orrin N. Carter (Seventh District), James H. Cartwright (Sixth District), William M. Farmer (Second District), and Frank K. Dunn (Third District) expire and the vacancy caused by the death of Alonzo K. Vickers (First District) must be filled.

A serious situation confronts the State of Illinois. Who, for the next nine years, are to be the final arbiters in its great judicial department? Are new and untried men to be elected, or is the state to avail itself of the service and experience of four of the present incumbents?

Surely this question ought not to be controlled by any political or partisan consideration. Of the six elected judges now on the Supreme bench Cartwright, Carter and Dunn are republicans and Farmer, Cooke and Craig are democrats. The decisions of the court have shown no political bias. If the judges whose terms are about to expire—three republicans and one democrat—have served the state faithfully and well and have interpreted the law with an eye single to their sworn duty as judges, there is every reason why they should be re-elected.

It has been said that the remarkable achievements of the American bench in the constructive period of our history, prior to 1850, was in a large measure due to the fact that the judges were appointed for life and in this manner the service of strong men, the permanency of whose tenure insured their independence, could be secured. In this state we have an elective system to deal with. If we are to overcome one of the great weaknesses of this system the upright, fearless, and capable judge must be assured of his reelection by the people.

Judicial experience is one of the most valuable qualifications of a judge. Familiarity with the method of dealing with cases from the point of view of the bench, practice and readiness in the work, acquisition of the impartial judicial frame of mind, are acquired only through actual service on the bench, requiring of the individual judge the most painstaking labor and the accustoming of one's self to the perusal day after day of printed records and briefs.

Of the four retiring judges, Cartwright of Oregon has sat on the Supreme bench for twenty years, while Judges Carter of Chicago, Farmer of Vandalia, and Dunn of Charleston are just finishing their first terms of nine years. All of these men have developed and grown bigger on the bench. All of them have assiduously applied themselves to the arduous task for which they were elected. All of them have worked in harmonious co-operation and have striven to do the work intrusted to them with credit to the state.

These four judges themselves represent a variety of qualities, the combination of which tends to make a strong bench. Cartwright's ability and intellectual vigor, Carter's industry, sober judgment, and open mindedness, Farmer's hard sense, fairness and efficiency, Dunn's level-headedness and intellectual strength are well known. All of these judges brought previous judicial experience to their work on the state's highest tribunal. They are tried public servants. They deserve reelection. Not only do they merit it, but there is always danger in experimenting with a well established, efficient organization.—The Chicago Tribune, March 5, 1915.

### EMMETT J. SCOTT HEADS ADVERTISING AGENCY.

A National Negro Business Service to be Organized—Endorsed by Executive Committee of the National Negro Press Association at Nashville.

Nashville, Tenn.—One of the most constructive of the measures adopted by the Executive Committee of the National Negro Press Association which recently convened here was the resolutions endorsing the organization of a National Negro Business Service. Mr. Emmett J. Scott, for fifteen years the secretary of the National Negro Business League, was very wisely selected to organize and work out the details of this movement.

With Mr. Scott's broad and comprehensive knowledge of business details and his intimate association with successful business as represented by both races, he is well qualified, it is thought, to render invaluable assistance to the race by helping the Negro business men of the country solve their merchandising and advertising problems, and at the same time bring these business men into intimate relationship with Negro newspapers to the end that they may help each other.

In addition to this, the National Negro Business Service will undertake to present the cause of the Negro Press intelligently, effectively and persistently to national advertisers who spend millions each year for advertising and who overlook the power of the Negro papers to reach and direct the millions spent annually by the race for necessities, because it has not been brought to their attention.

With the co-operation of the Negro Press and the National Negro Business League and with the location of the main office at Tuskegee, Mr. Scott and his associates, through the efforts of the National Negro Business Service, can help the Negro newspapers of the country secure the standing they deserve among advertisers, and also can help in the movement to secure to the race, independence and prosperity through the increased efficiency of its business men.

The following resolution, offered by Hon. Joseph L. Jones of Cincinnati, Ohio, at the Executive Committee meeting of the National Negro Press Association in mid-winter session assembled February 12, 1915, was, upon being read, referred to the Advertising Committee with power:

Whereas, The Negro Press represents the two basic purposes in advertising: general publicity and direct sales advertising, and

Whereas, With more than two hundred Negro newspapers, magazines, etc., we receive practically no recognition at the hands of national advertisers despite the intelligent buying clientele represented by this group of newspapers and other publications, and

Whereas, It is important that our newspapers "go after" a proportionate share of this advertising business, be it

Resolved, That the organization of a National Negro Business Service be, and hereby is, endorsed, with Mr. Emmett J. Scott, of Tuskegee Institute, Ala., a member of this Executive Committee, as president or general manager in connection with his duties as secretary of the National Negro Business League; the idea and purpose of such National Negro Business Service being to intelligently direct merchandising and advertising campaigns for Negro business concerns, promote advertising in Negro newspapers, and the influencing of national advertisers to use Negro publications in reaching this important valuable group of people with its tremendous purchasing power, etc., etc.

The resolution was approved by the Advertising Committee and adopted.

### W. T. GAINES, ONE OF THE MOST EXTENSIVE AFRICAN-AMERICAN CONTRACTORS IN CHICAGO.

In 1884 W. T. Gaines, the well and favorably known contractor, 5140 Westworth avenue, came to this city from Henderson, Ky., and in a quiet way, from that time to the present, he has met with a degree of much success in his line of business.

His strongest suit is plain and ornamental plastering, all kinds of hard plastering a specialty, and rough casting.

Many times Mr. Gaines has three to five hundred men in his employ and the payroll runs up to \$2,000 or \$3,000 per week. He has satisfactorily executed the plastering in many of the buildings in the down town district; also he has been the successful bidder for the same kind of work in connection with the construction of large flat buildings on the south side and in other sections of the city.

Mr. Gaines employs both White and Colored men. He is an honored member of the Contractors' Plasterers' Association. He owns and controls considerable income property on the south side and he ranks a one as a first class business man.



MR. FRANK L. HAMILTON

Ex-President of the Appomattox Club, strong republican politician, who favors the election of William Hale Thompson for mayor of Chicago.

### THE DEATH OF MRS. AMANDA SMITH.

The death of Mrs. Amanda Smith occurred in the state of Florida, in the village of Seebing. The funeral was held at Quinn Chapel A. M. E. church, 24th street and Wabash avenue.

Mrs. Smith was born in the State of Maryland seventy-eight years ago, a slave. Her father succeeded in purchasing his own freedom, and later on by making sacrifices and laboring, liberated many of the other members of his family.

Mrs. Smith was one of thirteen children, only one of whom, Mrs. Ward, of Long Island, survives. The deceased was very early impressed with religious principles, and after a variety of religious experiences in her life, received a very clear and abiding conviction and spiritual transformation of character. Along with this experience came the call to the field of evangelism. She was blessed with a variety of spiritual gifts and powers, and soon found an almost world-wide field of usefulness. After spending a number of years in this country traveling throughout the length and breadth practically, she was by Lady Henry Somerset of England invited to London to spend three months as a temperance lecturer. Having done yeoman service under the auspices of the W. O. T. U. of this country, she at once became so popular in England that instead of spending three months abroad she stayed twelve years. She at different times spent much time on the continent of Africa educating and saving her people; also in India. Multitudes followed and loved her of all races. Not long after she had returned to the eastern hemisphere, having gathered and saved something like \$10,000, her deep sympathy was moved to provide for the orphans and destitute children, and she spent her entire savings to establish the Amanda Smith Orphanage in North Harvey, Ill., and the remainder of her life was devoted to the care of that institution, as long as her strength would permit. When she became too feeble to longer superintend that work, a wealthy relative of hers, Mr. Seebing of Ohio, who had a home for himself and family in Florida, named Seebing after him, built a nice little bungalow for her and made her a present of it, so that she could spend her days in comfort and peace at his expense.

She died in Seebing, Wednesday, February 23d. Her remains were forwarded here and taken in charge by Undertaker Daniel Jackson at 2974 State street.

She joined Quinn Chapel while at Harvey. The funeral took place on last Monday at Quinn Chapel, attended by prominent representatives of both races, White and Colored. The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. J. C. Anderson, D.D., her pastor, who chose for his text Matthew 26: 15, "And unto one he gave five talents." Prominent members of both Baptist and Methodist churches took part in the funeral services, the Rev. D. H. Harris and others contributing. Remarks were made by Right Bishop C. T. Shaffer, Dr. A. J. Carey and others. The Hon. F. L. Barnett read the obituary, and Dr. R. E. Wilson read resolutions from the A. M. E. Preachers' Alliance. Mrs. Martha Anderson sang a solo. The choir of Quinn Chapel rendered a selection. Mrs. Norah Taylor sang one of Mrs. Amanda Smith's favorite hymns, "He'll roll the sea away," and acted as mistress of ceremonies. A large chorus of children from the school sang a very touching song, "I never can forget the day when I heard

my mother pray." The Rev. H. E. Stewart, D.D., T. W. Lewis read the scripture lessons. The burial took place at Hazelwood cemetery, Harvey, Illinois.

### NATIONAL NEGRO HEALTH WEEK PROGRAM.

March 21-27, 1915.

The program herewith submitted for the observance of the National Negro Health Week is only intended to be suggestive. It is prepared with the thought that it may contain some ideas adaptable to various localities. It is hoped that the schools, churches, secret societies, Negro Business Leagues and other organizations, as already advised, will take the lead in seeing that Health Committees are organized for the purpose of co-operating in this movement to secure better health for our people. It is hoped that these committees, when organized, will endeavor to get the health officers of states, cities and counties to co-operate with them to make the Health Week observance effective, and also that meetings will be held from time to time during the week where health topics will be discussed.

The officers of various organizations are urgently requested to take the leadership in this movement. Any further information, if desired, will be furnished by:

(Signed) Booker T. Washington, Pres. Nat. Negro Business League. Tuskegee Institute, Ala., Mar. 1, 1915.

### WHAT TO DO DURING CLEAN-UP WEEK.

1. Move out and burn up all unnecessary rubbish and all unused old clothing and waste. Move, dust and clean well all pictures, furniture, drapery, carpeting, bedding, clothing, cooking utensils and all household ware. As far as possible, take all the furnishings of the house into the open air and sun them all day. If the day set aside for cleaning up is cloudy or rainy, do this on the next bright day.
2. Brush down the walls and ceilings of all rooms; scrub and clean thoroughly all the floors and woodwork of the house. In scrubbing the floors, use strong lye and hot water; in cleaning furniture and painted woodwork, use warm water and good soap. Do not use lye on anything that is painted.
3. Paint or whitewash the walls, ceiling and woodwork. Then thoroughly dry, air and sun every room, especially the bedrooms.
4. Give careful attention to the front and back yards, and under the houses, as these menace the health and comfort of your family as long as they remain untidy. Scrape off the worn surface dirt, level the walkways and paint or whitewash the fences and house. In whitewashing, use plenty of good lime and, to keep the whitewash from rubbing off, add one quart of salt to five gallons of whitewash.
5. Repair the stable, the barn and the hen-house. Whitewash them if you can and see that no filth remains in which flies can breed.
6. Look after the springs and wells and make sanitary the outhouses at school houses and churches.

Attorney William G. Anderson has opened up a branch law office at 3102 S. State street, suite No. 1, second floor, with the Lincoln Bond Company, where he can be found each evening throughout the week.

### NEWS FROM HYDE PARK.

The Hyde Park A. M. E. is taking on new life. Last Sunday was a day long to be remembered, as eight persons joined the church at the evening service. The pastor, Rev. W. H. Griffin, took for his text the second epistle of Paul the apostle to Timothy, second chapter and third verse, the theme, "Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."

Mrs. James Saunders of 5330 Kenwood avenue, after spending two weeks at the bedside of her sick father in Kansas City, Kansas, her old home, has returned, leaving him better. We hope he will continue to improve.

Mrs. Kate Merrett of 1330 Frederick Court is home again after a pleasant visit of three weeks with her mother and sisters in New Orleans, La.

The Willing Workers' Club met at the home of Mrs. Watkins, 5214 Lake Park avenue. The club was very pleased to have three new members added to their roll. Mrs. Birdie Williams, president. Mrs. Stella Davis, secretary.

The Hyde Park Woman's Charity Club met at the home of Mrs. Nettie Merritt, 5426 Kenwood avenue. The club was pleased to have so many members present. On account of the illness of the president, Mrs. Eva Raymore, the club has not done very much active work this winter.

Mrs. Tubbs, 5528 Ingleside avenue, is on the sick list and we are in hopes she will have a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Mary Blair, 5338 Kenwood avenue, is home again much improved, after undergoing two operations in Post Graduate Hospital.

### ST. MARK CHURCH.

"Thou shouldst see the glory of God" (St. John 11:40) was the text by the pastor, Rev. John W. Robinson, before the congregation that well might have served as an inspiration to any man. Just before the pastor took his text he sang a soulful gospel hymn entitled, "It Will Not Be Long Until Jesus Calls Me." The sermon emphasized the fact that the resurrection of Lazarus was the finest proof that in like manner Jesus Christ should raise all men from the dead at the general resurrection. At the conclusion of the sermon six persons united with the church. Three more persons united with the church at the close of the evening service.

In the afternoon at 3 o'clock the pastor preached the quarterly communion sermon at Walters A. M. E. Zion church from the text, "Without the Shedding of Blood there is no Remission of sin" (Hebrews 9:22).

The address Sunday afternoon by Mr. A. M. Beckley on temperance at the Lyceum was well received. Mr. Beckley is a member of St. Mark, a member of the board for the advancement of patriotism.

Mrs. E. M. Jackson, 5478 Woodlawn avenue, has been sick for two weeks.

The Lyceum is offering an extraordinary program which should be of more than passing interest. The question for debate is, "Can the Negro Become a Homogenous Part of the United States?" Opening hour, 4:30 p. m.

### WOMAN BRINGS CHARGE AGAINST FUNKHOUSER AID.

Hoynes' Office Asked to Act Against a Morals Inspector Alleged to Have Taken Graft.

The state's attorney's office is investigating charges made by a woman of the name of Violet Phipps against a morals inspector working under Second Deputy Superintendent of Police Funkhouser.

That she had visited the prosecutor's office a week ago and made charges regarding the acceptance of graft money by the inspector to Assistant State's Attorneys James Hickey and Chief of Investigators Joseph Geary did not become known until yesterday.

Edward J. Fleming, private secretary to State's Attorney Hoynes, said: "It is true the woman was here and made a statement, but nothing will be done about it until Mr. Hoynes returns to the office."

It is said the woman alleged that she paid the inspector \$50 last October to prevent a disorderly resort she was conducting from being raided and also made him a present last Christmas of an engraved purse valued at \$13 and inclosing a \$20 bill.

### MAY BAR FROM STATE PAPERS OR "MOVIES" DEFAMATORY SECT.

Springfield, Ill., Mar. 5.—Such publications as the Menace and other journals maintained principally to attack some other sect or society, will be barred from the state if a bill introduced in the House by Representative Frank J. Ryan of Chicago becomes a law. The bill amends Section 223 of the criminal code, which fixes a pen-

alty for the circulation of obscene or scurrilous books, papers, pictures, etc., by extending the penalty to cover defamatory matter.

The bill adds: "Or any moving picture or film containing, presenting or representing anything of a defamatory nature tending to blacken the memory of the dead or impeach the reputation of any living person, or any sect, creed or nationality."

The act might be construed to include anything exposing improper actions of a man published in a newspaper.

### NEGRO FELLOWSHIP LEAGUE.

A very interesting meeting for the League is to be held Sunday, March 7th, at the Reading Room, 3905 State street. Mrs. Lucy Parson, wife of the anarchist who was hanged, is expected to make the principal address. It is hoped that a large audience will be present to hear her. On Sunday last, Rev. E. L. Stewart delivered an excellent address on the work of the Citizens' Committee, its success and its efforts. Mr. Jones from out in Iowa was also present and told of his proposed farm for boys that he tried to get in Iowa and how he gave up the idea when he found out that the constitution of the state would have to be changed. Every one cordially invited to these meetings each Sunday.

### THE NEW GRAND THEATRE IS STILL THE POPULAR PLAYHOUSE ON THE SOUTH SIDE.

The new Grand Theater, State and 31st streets, under the management of Messrs. Horn and Johnston, still holds its own as the most popular playhouse on the south side.

The entire program is changed every Monday night, as well as in the middle of the week. By that means fresh and attractive features are constantly being dished up for its patrons all the time, and some of the best acts in vaudeville and so on can be observed all the time at the new Grand.

### MISS MARY BARTELME AT THE Y. M. C. A.

Miss Mary Bartelme, assistant judge of the Juvenile Court, will deliver an interesting address at the Wabash avenue Y. M. C. A. building, Sunday, March 9th, at 1:30 p. m. sharp. This meeting will be under the auspices of the South End Children's Aid Society and the ladies and gentlemen of the city are most cordially invited to be present. A rare treat is in store for those who attend. Good music.

Alberta M. Smith, Pres. Lida Stewart, Chrm.

### WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT.

Mr. Joseph H. Hudlun, No. 9 W. 51st street, corner of Dearborn, wishes to announce the engagement of his sister, Mrs. Hattie B. Turner, to Mr. Joseph Allen of Waukegan, Ill. The wedding will occur about the middle of April.

Mrs. David Manson, 5516 S. Michigan avenue, has for the past week been held in her home by the lagrippe. At this writing she is improving.

The entertainment committee of the Appomattox Club, 3441 S. Wabash avenue, will give a smoker and cabaret in its parlors this evening from 9 to 12 o'clock.



MR. JACOB LEDFORD  
Composer of the following and many other classy and catchy songs.

"I Have Searched the World for the Girl of My Dreams" is Mr. Jacob Ledford's latest composition. Being a high class sentimental song of unusual type, it has been highly complimented by some of the best musicians, both Colored and White, and is predicted to take its place in helping to revolutionize the musical field of today. It is rapidly selling, so order at once. On sale at 5413 Kenwood avenue, and Lyon & Healy music store, Chicago, Ill. Price 25 cents.